

ALL ABOARD FOR ALLENSWORTH!

Your group is invited to ride Amtrak California's *San Joaquin* trains on a day of education and adventure to Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park!

The park is a portion of the original town of Allensworth, founded in the early 1900s as a farming community for former black slaves. The preserved townsite features 14 restored buildings, including a schoolhouse, a hotel, and several homes. A visitor center offers a short film about the town and its founder, and there are picnic facilities, restrooms and drinking water adjacent to the center. Rededication Day (October 11 and 12, 2003) will be held to renew the commitment to the park and its symbolic representation of self-determination for all African Americans in the areas of education and economic development. Activities include self-guided tours and special living history programs. Black History Month (February) will also be observed with special programs. A visit to Allensworth will provide a rich cultural experience for all adults, schools and youth groups. Call the park at (661) 849-3433 for more information, to reserve a date for a visit and to arrange a guided tour.

Your group of forty or more children and adults can travel round trip from Los Angeles to Allensworth for only \$20 per person!

Your non-stop trip begins aboard a spacious Amtrak Thruway motorcoach departing at 7:45 a.m. from historic Los Angeles Union Station. Upon arrival at the Bakersfield Amtrak station you will board Amtrak California's sleek *San Joaquin* train 713 and arrive at Allensworth at about 10:55 a.m. The entrance to the state park is across the tracks from the station platform and the entire six-square-block historic community is an easy walk. At about 3:20 in the afternoon, *San Joaquin* train 714 will leave Allensworth to take your group back to the Bakersfield Amtrak station where you'll board your motorcoach for a return trip to Los Angeles, arriving at Union Station at 6:45 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity - the train will only stop at Allensworth for special groups (such as yours) with advance reservations!

There are a few restrictions to this special offer: the trip must be for a single day and must be taken on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday between September 8, 2003, and August 26, 2004. This offer is not valid on the following days and dates:

Sundays, Mondays and Fridays; November 25, 2003 through and including December 2, 2003; December 20, 2003 through and including January 3, 2004; February 14, 2004 through and including February 16, 2004; April 8, 2004 through and including April 12, 2004; May 28, 2004 through and including June 1, 2004; and July 2, 2004 through and including July 5, 2004.

The offer is subject to space availability. All requests, regardless of group size, are reviewed and some may not be approved if space is not available. This offer is only for **new** trips booked after August 5, 2003. It is only for specified *San Joaquin* trains and motorcoaches, and it is

not available on any other *San Joaquin* trains or motorcoaches, or any other Amtrak California train service.

This is a SPECIAL offer available only through Amtrak's Group Reservation system using the reservation form in this offer. You cannot take advantage of this offer by calling Amtrak reservations or by visiting an Amtrak station. You must use the reservation procedures in this program to get the program fares and you must FAX your reservation request using the attached form at least 30 days in advance of your requested trip date. The last day to submit reservation requests is July 25, 2004. You cannot change dates, trains or schedules once your reservation request has been submitted to Amtrak.

Carefully read all the information then complete your reservation request. After you send your request by FAX to the Amtrak Group Reservation Desk, they will contact you by phone within about two weeks with payment instructions and soon your group will be on its way to a wonderful day at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park!

Important Information - Read Carefully!

- **Minimum** group size for this program is **40** persons.
- You must have an adult chaperone for every 6 persons that are 18 years of age or less.
- Space is limited on each trip. Every request, regardless of group size, is reviewed and some may not be approved if space is not available.
- Tickets must be purchased no later than **7** days in advance of your trip. Partial purchases are not permitted and your reservation will be canceled if you do not purchase your tickets 7 days prior to your trip.
- You can purchase your tickets with a credit card, cash or business check payable to "Amtrak" from any staffed Amtrak station. No personal checks or purchase orders will be accepted.
- Tickets are non-refundable and dates or schedules cannot be changed. Refunds cannot be issued if the number of passengers in your group is less on the day of travel than what you originally reserved and purchased.
- An accurate list with the first and last names of all persons traveling on your trip must be submitted to the Amtrak agent when you purchase your tickets and you must carry a copy of the list with you during your trip.
- Amtrak California only provides transportation from Los Angeles Union Station to Allensworth and return for this specific program. Other reservations and costs included in your trip must be arranged for and purchased by you and are not included in your Amtrak California ticket price of \$20 per person. For group rates from other locations to Allensworth, call 1-800-872-1477.

ELEVEN LITTLE RULES

Amtrak California's *San Joaquin* trains carry thousands of passengers each year. Many are businesspersons or vacationers, but all that travel by train expect a relaxing and enjoyable trip. Please help the on-board staff ensure the trip is enjoyable for everyone by reviewing these rules with adult chaperones in your group and provide each of them with a copy.

1. Group leaders and adult chaperones are responsible for the conduct and supervision of their group at all times while on the trains and buses, or in and around the train stations and bus stops. Railroad personnel must give their full attention to the operation of the railroad and cannot assist in the supervision of your group.
2. No personal music devices are allowed, unless used with earphones or headsets.
3. Arrive at all departure locations at least 20 minutes ahead of departure time. **The trains and buses will not wait for late arriving groups or individuals!**
4. Before boarding the train, identify your group to the conductor, then follow the seating instructions of the conductor and/or other railroad personnel.
5. Keep your group together and in their seats as much as possible.
6. Avoid crowding aisleways and passageways between cars.
7. You may bring your own food and drinks, or your group may visit the snack/dining car. **NOTE> Only 5 persons from your group 18 years of age and under are permitted in the snack/dining car at any one time and MUST be accompanied at all times by at least 1 adult.**
8. Please use the trash receptacles and keep the area around your group clean and free of debris.
9. During your trip, feel free to contact the conductor or other on-board personnel for assistance.
10. When your group exits the train, follow the conductor's instructions. Appoint 1 or 2 persons to follow behind the group and check the seating areas and overhead bins for any items which may have been left behind. Amtrak California cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.
11. Most importantly: **HAVE FUN!**

IF YOU NEED HELP...

Do NOT call Amtrak reservations. If you have questions about the program or if you need help preparing your request, call Dennis Winger of the Caltrans Rail Division at (916) 654-5928.

I SENT MY REQUEST IN - WHAT'S NEXT?

After you've sent your request Amtrak will respond in about 10 business days by phone, FAX or email with your confirmation or other information. **DO NOT CALL THE RESERVATION CENTER TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR RESERVATION REQUEST IF LESS THAN 10 BUSINESS DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR REQUEST.**

If your reservation is confirmed:

- Review the information for accuracy. Your confirmation will include a reservation number.
- You must purchase your tickets no later than 7 days before your trip. Take your reservation number and your list of persons in your group to any staffed Amtrak station to purchase your tickets. You may use cash, credit card or a business check made out to "Amtrak." Personal checks and purchase orders will not be accepted. Tickets are non-refundable. Refunds cannot be issued if the number of passengers in your group is less on the day of travel than what you originally reserved and purchased. In addition, you must pay full fare for tickets in excess of the original number reserved and purchased for your trip.
- **YOU CANNOT CHANGE DATES, TRAINS OR SCHEDULES, ONCE YOUR RESERVATION REQUEST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO AMTRAK.**

If your reservation cannot be made by Amtrak:

- Review your plans to determine if alternate dates are acceptable and submit another request.
- Remember to check with your destination to make certain your new date is still valid.

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA'S SAN JOAQUIN
ALL ABOARD FOR ALLENSWORTH
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RESERVATION REQUEST
Print legibly or type

Group name: _____

Group address _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Name of group leader: _____ Title: _____

☐ FAX (include area code) (_____) _____

☐ E-mail (include complete email address) _____

☐ Phone (include area code) (_____) _____

Trip date: _____ Alternate trip date: _____

Number of adults in group: _____ Number of children (ages 2-18) in group: _____
(Infants under age 2 ride free if they do not occupy a seat)

Total number of persons in your group: _____ X \$20 per person = \$_____ (Total cost)
Remember: Seating is limited. All requests, regardless of group size, are reviewed and some may not be approved if space is not available.

☐ Check here if anyone in your group will need assistance.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Amtrak welcomes and can accommodate customers with disabilities at most locations. Amtrak's ability to meet those assistance needs when boarding or detraining depends on availability of station facilities.

Not all Amtrak stations can currently accommodate wheelchair boarding. Federal regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act control the number of wheelchair locations on intercity trains and do not require that all intercity rail stations be accessible until 2010.

Please check with the Amtrak Group Desk, 1-800-872-1477, to be sure that Amtrak can accommodate every member of your group at the stations you wish to use.

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